

Ralph A. Alvarado, M.D. – Investigation was initiated in this case after the Cabinet for Health Services' Drug Control Branch advised that Dr. Alvarado's advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) was prescribing controlled substance prescriptions to patients via telephone. The report compiled by Doug Wilson was reviewed, in addition to a copy of CHS' correspondence, Dr. Alvarado's signed ARNP Practice Agreement, a collaborative practice agreement for prescriptive authority, and the responses of Dr. Alvarado and the ARNP, Joanna Miller. Dr. Alvarado addressed the Panel members and was accompanied by his counsel, Steve Kinkel.

Action: Upon discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Briscoe that this case disclosed an instance of misconduct which did not warrant the issuance of a Complaint. Seconded by Dr. Gibson, the motion carried. It was the consensus of the Panel members that Dr. Alvarado be admonished for his misconduct and General Counsel was provided details concerning same. The Panel members also directed that an article be published in the Board's Newsletter concerning the appropriate supervision of ARNP's.

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